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June 10, 1985

TO: Board of Oil, Gas and Mining
FROM: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Reclamation Engineer *PGL*
RE: Change in Form and Amount of Surety for Western Tar
Sands, Inc.'s Raven Ridge Project, ACT/047/016, Uintah
County, Utah

Western Tar Sands' state lease covering Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 25 East, Uintah County, Utah, expired December 31, 1984. A \$20,000.00 bond exists to cover costs of rehabilitation on this property. The attached letter from Western Tar Sands describes the completion of the reclamation work at this site.

Western Tar Sands proposes to post a \$2,000.00 automatically renewable Certificate of Deposit payable to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to cover reseeding costs, if necessary.

Approval of both the form and amount of the surety are requested.

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Western Tar Sands, Inc.

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DIVISION OF OIL
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Mr. Lowell Braxton
State of Utah, Natural Resources
Oil, Gas & Mining
355 W. North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Re: Detailed Estimate
Western Tar Sand, Inc., Raven Ridge
ACT/047/015, Uintah County, Utah
ML 22168

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Pursuant to the letter of December 13, 1984 from John T. Blake, Mineral Resource Specialist of your office, we wish to report that we have reclaimed all of the drill holes and surface disturbances for which we were responsible on the above property.

We engaged the services of Mr. Roy Mays, who has satisfactorily plugged, reclaimed and reseeded hundreds of drill sites on the state and federal land in the Red Desert area of Wyoming, to supervise and accomplish the reclamation of the property.

We have performed all of the tasks described in your letter of December 13, 1984 as follows:

1. Mr. Mays supervised and completed in accord with his experience the proper plugging of all drill holes on the property.
2. Mr. Mays, together with Mr. Dean Evans of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at Vernal, Utah and Mr. Blake or his representative walked the entire site to determine what was necessary for the recontouring of all the pits and the cuts. Mr. Mays supervised the recontouring and conferred on a daily basis with Mr. Evans to see that the recontouring was accomplished in accord with the BLM standards and those of Mr. Blake's office.

3. No buildings or structures were ever constructed upon the property. The footings and the pavements were lifted in their entirety, crushed and buried to the satisfaction of the BLM and the Mineral Research Specialist. Fences and fence posts together with the concrete in which they were set have been removed entirely.
4. The top soil when it was originally removed was stacked and saved. The stacked and saved top soil was recovered and spread over the area from which it was removed. The reseeding was done with a seed mixture which was developed by and purchased from the BLM in Vernal. The BLM delivered the mix to the site. Five acres including the plant site and road were seeded with tractor and drill.
5. No trash or debris existed on the site. No trash or debris was introduced or produced. No removal of trash or debris was required.

Mr. Mays, Mr. Evans and a representative from Mr. Blake's office walked the road site. Since the BLM has erected a large radio tower station with searchlights, we were requested to disk the berm and seed the road but to leave the tracks, since this makes servicing the radio easier. The road or trail that was on the property when we took possession originally has been reclaimed and reseeded pursuant to the instructions and guidance of the BLM and Mr. Blake's office.

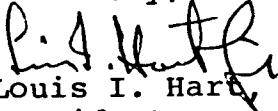
The only area that could possibly need additional effort would be the reseeding. A recent inspection shows that growth from the reseeding is now above ground. The total expenditure for the reseeding was \$900 consisting of \$150 for the mix and \$750 for the tractor, drill, labor and transportation to and from the site.

The total time spent by our contractor in accomplishing the reclamation was 13 days.

We believe that the sum of \$1,000 would be sufficient to insure that reseeding the entire area could be accomplished again if needed. We have no objection, however, to the retention of \$2,000 to cover this reseeding.

If you need anything further in this regard, please let us know.

Sincerely,


Louis I. Hart, Jr.
President

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cc: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Reclamation Engineer

John T. Blake